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Title: ***PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT PROTEIN IN
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO THE GENUS RHODOCOCCUS***
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office action dated April 29, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.